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SUBJECT: U/S BURNS' LETTER TO ARAB MAGHREB UNION

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¶1. On May 19, Poloff delivered reftel letter, covered by a transmittal letter signed by Ambassador Riley, to Zoheir Merchaoui, AMU Counselor for Political and Information Affairs. Merchaoui received the text with enthusiasm. Taking note of the proposal to convene all AMU member state Foreign Ministers in New York on the margins of UNGA, Merchaoui looked forward to a continued strengthening of US-AMU cooperation. (The Embassy also forwarded a copy of U/S Burns' letter to Lahcen Saile, AMU desk officer at the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.)

¶2. Merchaoui advised poloff that the AMU Secretariat was moving to a new and larger headquarters building in the Rabat neighborhood of Agdal on June 1. The new location would a welcome change from the AMU's current small and very modest headquarters, he stated. The new building was being donated by the Moroccan Government, which had taken the initiative in suggesting the move, Merchaoui reported.

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